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PATENT

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AMENDMENT

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2001 (Paper No. 4). A Petition for Extension of Time up to and including December 6, 2001 is being filed herewith. Kindly amend the above-identified U.S. patent application, without prejudice, as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-5 as follows:

1. (Amended) An elevator apparatus comprising:

an actuating device including a sheave around which a rope engaged with an ascending and descending cage is wound, said sheave being adapted to rotate thereby to move said rope with its rotation, and a driving section for rotating said sheave, and

a shielding body for shielding said actuating device,